

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

These regulation changes are being proposed as the result of the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget Trailer Bill Senate Bill (SB) 70. SB 70 added language to the Education Code that limits income eligibility for subsidized child care to 70 percent of the State Median Income (SMI). SB 70 continues language eliminating the family fee for current California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) recipients.

The Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) currently includes language that allows former CalWORKs families to remain eligible for subsidized child care services if their income does not exceed 75 percent of the SMI. The language does not align with statute that limits income eligibility to 70 percent of the SMI. The proposed regulations would amend the MPP resulting in fewer former CalWORKs families that meet the income eligibility limits.

Currently, the MPP does not contain language that prohibits current CalWORKs recipients from being charged a family fee. According to statute, no family receiving CalWORKs cash aid may be charged a family fee. The MPP is not consistent with statute. The proposed regulations would amend the MPP to ensure that current recipients of CalWORKs cash aid are not being charged a family fee.

These regulations were considered as Item #1 at the public hearing held on December 14, 2011, in Sacramento, California. No testimony was received during the 45-day comment period from October 21, 2011, to 5:00 p.m. December 14, 2011.